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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: KUWAIT MEW
REQUEST FOR NBS SPECIALIST

REF: (A) KUWAIT 0614, (B) KUWAIT 0806, (C) STATE 053253

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL (A), NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS
(NBS) HAS ASSIGNED GILBERT MICHAEL UGIANSKY, METALURGIST
OF ITS INSTITUTE MATERIALS RESEARCH, TO VISIT KUWAIT FOR
APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS BEGINNING APRIL 8. UGIANSKY WILL
BE AT EMBASSY AND MEW DISPOSAL TO INVESTIGATE WATER TOWER
PIPE PROBLEM AND COLLECT TEST SAMPLES.

2. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE AT HILTON AND MEET AND ASSIST.
FINAL ITINERARY WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPTTEL, BUT UGIANSKY
INTENDS ARRIVE KUWAIT EVENING APRIL 8 ON KU 532 FROM
BEIRUT.

3. IN ORDER BEST PREPARE FOR VISIT, UGIANSKY WOULD APPRE-
CIATE YOUR OBTAINING FROM MEW BRIEF ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING
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QUESTIONS:

(A) IS CORROSION LIMITED TO SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF WATER STORAGE TOWERS?

(B) TO WHAT ENVIRONMENT(S), BOTH GASEOUS AND LIQUID, ARE THE CORRODING PARTS EXPOSED?

(C) WHAT IS GENERAL LOCATION OF WATER STORAGE TOWERS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE SOURCES OF CORROSION PROBLEMS - E. G. SEACOAST, REFINERIES, INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, OR OTHER AIR POLLUTION SOURCES?

4. ALSO, PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDS OF CORROSION PROBLEM MUST BE OBTAINED AND UGIANSKY WISHES KNOW HOW QUICKLY FOLLOWING OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE ASSOCIATES WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS.

3. THE UK'S OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLES ARE PRESENT AT THE TABLE NEXT SUMMER WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. THE BRITISH CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, FOR BROAD POLITICAL REASONS, THEY DO NOT WANT AFRICA TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO HOSTILE BLOCS - ONE TIED TO THE EC AND THE OTHER NOT. SECOND, THE UK WOULD HAVE TO CARRY THE ENTIRE AID BURDEN FOR ANY GROUP OF NON- ASSOCIATED ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES WHILE IT CONTRIBUTED ITS FULL SHARE TO THE EC DEVELOPMENT FUND. (LING OF THE FCO'S WEST AFRICAN INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH BELIEVE THEY COULD LIVE WITH NIGERIAN NON- ASSOCIATION AS LONG AS OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT FOLLOW THE NIGERIAN EXAMPLE.)

4. ONE BRITISH OFFICIAL COMPARED THE MONTHS AHEAD TO A " MULTI- DIMENSIONAL GAME OF CHESS." ON ONE LEVEL THE AFRICAN STATES WILL BE MANEUVERING FOR POSITION AND TRYING TO WORK OUT A COMMON APPROACH. ON A SECOND LEVEL THE EC MEMBER STATES WILL BE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA WHILE THEY TRY TO AGREE ON A MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION.

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5. THE BRITISH AGREE THAT MOST OF THE AFRICAN STATES ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO ACCEPT REVERSE PREFERENCES, AND THEY RECOGNIZE THAT SENGHOR SPEAKS MAINLY FOR HIMSELF ON THIS ISSUE. THE BRITISH ALSO CONSIDER THAT

THE FRENCH ARE BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THE YAOUNDE STRUCTURE UNCHANGED. THE FRENCH POSITION SHOULD BECOME CLEARER, HOWEVER, WHEN THE MEMBER STATES BEGIN TO DISCUSS THE INITIAL REPORT WHICH THE COMMISSION IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THIS WEEK. ALL THE OFFICIALS WHO MET WITH DUNCAN CONSIDERED THE PROPOSALS THAT UNDER SECRETARY CASEY MADE ON THE PREFERENCES ISSUE AT THE MARCH 21-22 US- EC CONSULTATIONS TO BE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ELIMINATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES.

6. WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON, DUNCAN MET WITH OFFICIALS WHO DEAL WITH AFRICAN AND EC MATTERS AT THE FCO, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT. HIS FIRST- HAND ACCOUNT OF AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD EC ASSOCIATION REINFORCED THE IMPRESSIONS WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE BEEN GE
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